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MSG FROM DIA  
REF DIA MSG 6706, DTG 250424Z MAR 74.

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1. (S/NFD) FROM HERE THERE IS NO REPORTED OR VISIBLE CHANGES IN SOVIET POSTURING OPPOSITE THE IRANIAN BORDER. [REDACTED] BELIEVE GRECHKO VISIT DEFINITELY LINKED TO KURDISH AUTONOMY PROBLEMS. INDICATIONS ARE THAT SOVIETS PUSHING IRAQIS TO RESOLVE BARZANI PROBLEM EVEN IF IT MEANS OPEN WARFARE.

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2. (S/NFO) [REDACTED] IRAQI COMMANDO UNIT RECENTLY MOVED TO KIRKUK AND AN UNUSUAL MOVEMENT OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS TO THE NORTHERN AREA. REASON UNKNOWN AN ALLIED CONSIDERATION IS THAT IRAQIS MAY BE CONCERNED ABOUT IRANIAN AIRCRAFT SUPPORT FOR KURDS.

3. (S/NFD) RECENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO IRAN  
 AHDDA AUDIENCE WITH SHAH AND CONVEYED THAT SOVIETS WERE IN FULL  
 SUPPORT OF IRAQI ON KURDISH AUTONOMY QUESTION AND THAT ANY  
 INTERFERENCE BY IRAN WOULD BE TREATED AS AN UNFRIENDLY ACT BY  
 USSR.

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DIA review(s) completed.

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

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